

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for supplying regulated voltage d.c. electrical power to an LED array comprising:

a rectifier means (32) having an input and an output, said rectifier means (32) being responsive to a.c. power at said input for generating rectified d.c. power at said output;

a power factor correction converter means (38) having an input connected to said output of said rectifier means (32) and an output, said power factor correction converter means (38) being responsive to said rectified d.c. power at said power factor correction converter means input for generating regulated voltage d.c. power at said power factor correction converter means output; and

an LED array (12) having an input connected to said output of said power factor correction converter means (38) for receiving said regulated voltage d.c. power to illuminate said LED array (12).

2. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said power factor correction converter means (38) is a power factor correcting and voltage regulating buck/boost switchmode converter.

3. The apparatus according to claim 1 including a pulse width modulated modulator means (46) connected to said output of said power factor correction converter means (38) and to said input of said LED array (12) for modulating said regulated voltage d.c. power.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1 including an electromagnetic interference filter means (28) connected to said input of said rectifier means (32) for preventing conducted interference from feeding back onto a.c. power lines (22) connected to said rectifier means input.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1 including an adaptive clamp circuit means (24) connected to said input of said rectifier means (32) for eliminating leakage current problems.

5 6. The apparatus according to claim 5 wherein said adaptive clamp circuit means (24) has an input adapted to be connected to a pair of a.c. power lines (22), a pair of clamp circuit output lines (26) connected to said adaptive clamp circuit means input, a voltage sensing means (48) connected across said input of said adaptive clamp circuit means (24), and a controlled load means (50) connected
10 across said clamp circuit output lines (26) and to said voltage sensing means (48), said voltage sensing means (48) being responsive to a magnitude of a.c. voltage at said adaptive clamp circuit means input lower than a predetermined magnitude for turning on said controlled load means (50) to connect a low impedance load (60) in said controlled load means (50) across said clamp circuit output lines (26) and
15 said voltage sensing means (48) being responsive to a magnitude of the a.c. voltage at said adaptive clamp circuit means input equal to or greater than said predetermined magnitude for turning off said controlled load means (50) to disconnect said low impedance load (60) from said clamp circuit output lines (26).

20 7. The apparatus according to claim 1 including a battery backup means (62) having an input for receiving a.c. power applied to said input of said rectifier means (32) and having an output at which d.c. power is generated, and a switch-over means (82) connected to said output of said battery backup means (62) and to said rectifier means input, said battery backup means (62) being responsive to a
25 failure of a.c. power at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to connect said output of said battery backup means (62) to said input of said rectifier means (32) to provide d.c. power to illuminate said LED array (12) and being responsive to a.c. power at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to disconnect said battery backup means
30 output from said rectifier means input.

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8. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said switch-over means (82) is an electromechanical relay.

5 9. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a time delay and restoration means (78) responsive to application of a.c. power at said input of said battery backup means (62) for controlling said switch-over means (82) to disconnect said output of said battery backup means (62) from said input of said full wave rectifier means (32) and connect the a.c. power to said full wave rectifier means input after a predetermined
10 time delay.

10. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a d.c. power switch-over and flasher means (80) connected to said switch-over means (82) for pulsing said d.c. power at a predetermined rate to
15 flash said LED array (12).

11. The apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a synchronizing pulse generator means (86) connected to said d.c. power switch-over and flasher means (80) for imposing marker pulses on said
20 d.c. power at a predetermined rate.

12. The apparatus according to claim 1 including a half wave power detector means (88) having an input connected to said input of said rectifier means (32) and an output connected to another input of said power factor correction
25 converter means (38), said half wave power detector means (88) being responsive to a dimming signal at said rectifier means input for generating a control signal at said half wave power detector means output and said power factor correction converter means (38) being responsive to said control signal for decreasing said regulated d.c. power to dim said LED array (12).

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13. The apparatus according to claim 1 including a pulse width modulated modulator means (46) connected to said output of said power factor correction converter means (38) and to said input of said LED array (12) for modulating said regulated voltage d.c. power and a half wave power detector means (88) having an input connected to said input of said rectifier means (32) and an output connected to an input of said pulse width modulated modulator means (46), said half wave power detector means being responsive to a dimming signal at said rectifier means input for generating a control signal at said half wave power detector means output and said pulse width modulated modulator means (46) being responsive to said control signal for decreasing said regulated d.c. power to dim said LED array (12).

14. An apparatus for supplying regulated voltage d.c. electrical power to an LED array comprising:

a power supply means (10) having an input and an output, said power supply means (10) being responsive to a.c. power at said input for generating regulated voltage d.c. power at said output to illuminate an LED array (12) connected to said power supply means output; and

a dimming detector means (88) having an input connected to said input of said power supply means (10) and an output connected to another input of said power supply means (10), said dimming detector means (88) being responsive to a dimming signal at said power supply means input for generating a control signal at said dimming detector means output and said power supply means (10) being responsive to said control signal for decreasing said regulated voltage d.c. power to dim the LED array (12).

15. The apparatus according to claim 14 wherein said dimming detector means (88) is a half wave power detector means, said dimming signal is half wave rectified a.c. power and said power supply means (10) includes a rectifier means (32) having an input connected to said power supply means input and an output and a power factor correction converter means (38) having an input connected to said rectifier means output and an output connected to said power supply output, said power factor correction converter means (38) including said another input of said power supply means (10), said power factor correction converter means (38) being responsive to said control signal for decreasing said regulated voltage d.c. power to dim the LED array (12).

16. The apparatus according to claim 14 wherein said dimming detector means (88) is a half wave power detector means, said dimming signal is half wave rectified a.c. power and including a pulse width modulated modulator means (46) connected to said output of said power supply means (10) for modulating said regulated voltage d.c. power, said pulse width modulated modulator means (46) including said another input of said power supply means (10), said pulse width modulated modulator means (46) being responsive to said control signal for decreasing said regulated voltage d.c. power to dim the LED array (12).

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17. An apparatus for supplying regulated voltage d.c. electrical power to an LED array comprising:

a rectifier means (32) having an input and an output, said rectifier means (32) being responsive to a.c. power at said input for generating rectified d.c. power at said output;

a power factor correction converter means (38) having an input connected to said output of said rectifier means (32) and an output, said power factor correction converter means (38) being responsive to said rectified d.c. power at said power factor correction converter means input for generating regulated voltage d.c. power at said power factor correction converter means output;

a battery backup means (62) having an input for receiving a.c. power applied to said input of said rectifier means (32) and having an output at which d.c. power is generated; and

a switch-over means (82) connected to said output of said battery backup means (62) and to said input of said rectifier means (32), said battery backup means (62) being responsive to a failure of a.c. power at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to connect said battery backup means output to said rectifier means input to provide d.c. power to said power factor correction converter means (38) to illuminate an LED array connected to said output of said power factor correction converter means (38) and being responsive to a.c. power at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to disconnect said battery backup means output from said rectifier means input.

18. The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said power factor correction converter means (38) is a power factor correcting and voltage regulating buck/boost switchmode converter.

19. The apparatus according to claim 17 including an adaptive clamp circuit means (24) connected to said input of said rectifier means (32) for eliminating leakage current problems, said adaptive clamp circuit means (24) having an input adapted to be connected to a pair of a.c. power lines (22), a pair of clamp circuit output lines (26) connected to said adaptive clamp circuit means input, a voltage sensing means (48) connected across said adaptive clamp circuit means input, and a controlled load means (50) connected across said clamp circuit output lines (26) and to said voltage sensing means (48), said voltage sensing means (48) being responsive to a magnitude of a.c. voltage at said adaptive clamp circuit means input lower than a predetermined magnitude for turning on said controlled load means (50) to connect a low impedance load (60) in said controlled load means (50) across said clamp circuit output lines (26) and said voltage sensing means (48) being responsive to a magnitude of the a.c. voltage at said adaptive clamp circuit means input equal to or greater than said predetermined magnitude for turning off said controlled load means (50) to disconnect said low impedance load (60) from said clamp circuit output lines (26).

20. The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a time delay and restoration means (78) responsive to application of a.c. power at said input of said battery backup means (62) for controlling said switch-over means (82) to disconnect said output of said battery backup means (62) from said input of said rectifier means (32) and connect the a.c. power to said rectifier means input after a predetermined time delay.

21. The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a d.c. power switch-over and flasher means (80) connected to said switch-over means (82) for pulsing said d.c. power at a predetermined rate to flash said LED array (12).

22. The apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said battery backup means (62) includes a synchronizing pulse generator means (86) connected to said d.c. power switch-over and flasher means (80) for imposing marker pulses on said d.c. power at a predetermined rate.

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a rectifier means (32) having an input and an output, said rectifier means (32) being responsive to a.c. power at said input for generating
10 rectified d.c. power at said output;

a power factor correcting and voltage regulating buck/boost switchmode converter (38) having an input connected to said output of said rectifier means (32) and an output, said switchmode converter (38) being responsive to said rectified d.c. power at said switchmode
15 converter input for generating regulated voltage d.c. power at said switchmode converter output;

an LED array (12) having an input connected to said output of said switchmode converter (38) for receiving said regulated voltage d.c. power to illuminate said LED array (12);

20 a battery backup means (62) having an input for receiving a.c. power applied to said input of said rectifier means (32) and having an output at which d.c. power is generated; and

a switch-over means (82) connected to said output of said battery backup means (62) and to said input of said rectifier means (32), said battery
25 backup means (62) being responsive to a failure of a.c. power at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to connect said battery backup means output to said rectifier means input to provide d.c. power to said switchmode converter (38) to illuminate said LED array (12) and being responsive to a.c. power
30 at said battery backup means input for controlling said switch-over means (82) to disconnect said battery backup means output from said rectifier means input.